

room, but in each of these cases they are dormitories and they're private residences which is somewhat different than an actual work site where people are working on the job and are exposed to the smoke. So the locations that are amended are not active work sites in that sense.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Preister. I would like to recognize a guest of Senator Robinson and a very excellent tour guide I might add, Mr. Pat Bowe from the Cargill plant up Blair is under the south balcony. Pat, good to see you here today. Senator Schimek, there are no further lights on. You are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I have to tell you that I am not whetted to this particular amendment. I'd be perfectly willing to consider amendments to my amendment. Perhaps it isn't a consistent policy to just sort out particular areas of state government to allow a smoking area but I did it, as I mentioned to you earlier because I think that the public does use this building and the public should feel comfortable using this building. And if you look at Section 2 of the bill you will see that the other exceptions that we have made are for those institutions that deal with the public, for instance the Nebraska Veterans' Home which has a lot of patients who are smokers. They can make some exceptions, the Board of Regents, the University of Nebraska, the Department of Public Institutions which of course deals with a lot of patients and people, Department of Correctional Services, the Game and Parks Commission which has visitors to their cabins and buildings at their state parks, the Board of Trustees of the state colleges. All of those institutions deal with the public and have public either as temporary or permanent residences of their institutions. So that was my rationale in the Nebraska Capitol being allowed to designate a smoking area. I do agree with Senator Preister about smoke not knowing where to go. I have, as I mentioned in the discussion the other day, I've had both citizens and employees complain about the smoke in the entrances to the buildings, under the stairway there on the east side, in the restrooms. This, I feel, this amendment is a better solution in that it would put smokers in an area where they would not be accessible to the public, I mean the public